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SUBJECT: QUARTZ CRYSTAL

1. IN JUNE 5 DISCUSSION ON GOB QUARTZ CRYSTAL POLICY, DR. HECLITON SANTINI HENRIQUES OF MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE INFORMED MINERALS OFFICER RIO THAT ALTHOUGH 3,500-TON EXPORT QUOTA FOR LASCA WILL BE MAINTAINED FOR CY 75, NO ADDITIONAL QUARTERLY SUB-QUOTAS WILL BE SET (SUB-QUOTA OF 1,000 TONS WAS ESTABLISHED FOR FIRST QUARTER). SANTINI SAID FOREIGN IMPORTERS SHOULD CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THEIR BRAZILIAN EXPORTERS THROUGH CACEX, WHICH WILL APPROVE CONTRACTS WITHIN 3,500 TON LIMIT.

2. SANTINI MENTIONED THAT "SEVERAL" FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS (SPECIFICALLY CITED SOVIET UNION AND EAST GERMANY) HAVE APPROACHED GOB ABOUT GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENTS FOR LASCA PURCHASES OUTSIDE QUOTA. ACCORDING TO SANTINI, EAST GERMANY IS WILLING TO PURCHASE BRAZILIAN SHOES, BUT
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ONLY IF IT ALSO CAN PURCHASE LASCA. EAST GERMANY REPORTEDLY

IS PREPARED TO PAY US\$8 PER KILO FOR LASCA, AN AMOUNT CONSIDERABLY ABOVE CURRENT SELLING PRICE. (FYI: USSR, WHICH FOR MANY YEARS HAS PURCHASED LASCA FROM EUROPEAN DEALERS, IS NOW BUYING DIRECTLY FROM BRAZIL WITHIN QUOTA. END FYI).

3. SANTINI IMPLIED THAT GOB IS CONSIDERING INITIATING AN EXPORT POLICY ON BERYL SIMILAR TO THE ONE ON QUARTZ CRYSTAL IN ORDER THAT A DOMESTIC BERYLLIUM INDUSTRY CAN BE ESTABLISHED WHICH WOULD BE COMPETITIVE WITH FOREIGN PRODUCERS. SANTINI SAID A US COMPANY (KAWECKI) HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN STARTING A PLANT IN BRAZIL. (FYI: BRAZIL PRODUCES ABOUT HALF THE FREE WORLD PRODUCTION OF BERYL. END FYI).
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